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ABSTRACT

A directory of new school buildings in Pennsylvania with open-space construction and those which recently renovated or built a new wing designed for open-concept teaching is provided. Entries are arranged by county, and with counties by school district. School address, contact person (and his/her address and telephone number), and a brief description are provided. Schools at colleges are listed separately, and the same information is provided. (KM)

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Directory of Open-Space Facilities in Pennsylvania

In recent years many schools have been built in Pennsylvania which are specially designed for flexible teaching practices and children's differentiated learning styles. These have been termed open-space buildings because there are limited permanent walls to separate classrooms as opposed to the "egg crate" designs of traditional schools. The open-space areas within the buildings range in various functional shapes from triangular, octagonal, and circular to L-shaped and rectangular.

The structural plans of open-space buildings provide for the accommodation of large numbers of children in large work spaces and allow for various groupings and regroupings of pupils under the direction of teacher teams. The work areas differ in sizes according to need, some being equal to a double classroom whereas others are comparable to ten classrooms. Many open space buildings have movable interior walls that may partly or entirely screen off sections of the large open space. These flexible open areas can be readily adapted for small and large group instruction as well as for individual learning areas.

Since the organization and separation of space is quite different from traditional buildings, new terms are used to designate these spaces. Rather than rooms, divisions or classes, the spaces are now referred to as pods, clusters or areas.

The attached list includes new school buildings in Pennsylvania which have open-space construction and those which recently renovated or built a new wing designed for open concept teaching. The brief description of each school is intended only as a general indicator of the school facility. For further information, the name and address of a contact person is provided for each school.

County	Location	Contact Person	Description
Allegheny	Fox Chapel School District Sharpsburg Elementary School Linden Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15215 Lucas J. Pavlovich, Principal Occupied (renovation) Sept. 1972	Carmella Digangi, Elementary Supervisor, 611 Field Club Road Pittsburgh, Pa. 15238 412-782-3405 (Visitations after February 1973)	K-6; 488 pupils . open learning areas . walls removed between every two rooms . open into central library media center on each floor (primary level, intermediate level) . team teaching . child-centered, community based school . multi-age grouping . personalized instruction
	Gateway School District Ramsey Elementary School Ramsey Road, Monroeville, Pa. 15146 Roger Guella, Principal Occupied - September 1971	Roger Guella, Principal Ramsey Elementary School Ramsey Road, Monroeville, Pa. 15146 412-372-5300, Extension 300	K-6; 700 pupils . pods or clusters . non-graded . some team teaching and large and small group instruction in open areas
	North Allegheny School District Hosack Elementary School 9275 Peebles Road Allison Park, Pa. 15237 Walter S. Schwartz, Principal Occupied - September 1972	Donald Hartswick Elementary Supervisor 200 Hillvue Lane Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237 412-366-2100	K-6; 622 capacity . open-space with library media center as hub on 2nd floor
	West Allegheny School District McKee Elementary School Route 978 R. D. 1 Oakdale, Pa. 15071 Occupied - September 1972	Craig W. Rohm Elementary Supervisor Wilson Elementary School Boggs Road R. D. 1 Imperial, Pa. 15126 412-695-3300 (Visitations after January 1973)	K-6; 1000 capacity . teaming areas for approximately 100 pupils . team teaching, individual, small and large group instruction . library media center in middle

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Allegheny (Cont'd)	West Allegheny School District Wilson Elementary School Boggs Road R. D. 1 Imperial, Pa. 15126 Occupied - September 1972	Craig W. Rohm Elementary Supervisor Wilson Elementary School Boggs Road R. D. 1 Imperial, Pa. 15126 412-695-3300 (Visitations after January 1973)	K-6; 1000 capacity . teaming areas for approximately 100 pupils . team teaching, individual, small and large group instruction . library media center in middle
Beaver	Center Area School District Todd Lane Elementary School Todd Lane, Monaca, Pa. 15061 John Zigerelli, Principal Occupied - September 1971	Donald E. Bradshaw Administrative Assistant Baker Road Extension Monaca, Pa. 15061 412-775-5600	Grades 4 and 5; 120-150 pupils . 4 pods or clusters
	Rochester Area School District Rochester Education Complex Primary and Intermediate Divisions 540 Reno Street Rochester, Pa. 15074 Thomas Skinner, Campus Principal Occupied - September 1971	Matthew Hosie District Superintendent 540 Reno Street Rochester, Pa. 15074 412-775-7500	K-12 complex; 830 pupils (K-4); 830 pupils (5-8) . Primary Division (K-4): K pod - 3 instructional areas, 2 pods - 12 instructional areas each; . Intermediate Division (5-8): 4 pods - 4 instructional areas each
Blair	Altoona Area School District Wright Elementary School 18th Avenue & 11th Street Altoona, Pa. 16603 Vivian Branick Occupied - September 1971	Mowrie A. Ebner Elementary Supervisor Altoona, Pa. 16603 814-944-8101	K-6; 775 pupils . 6 clusters . team teaching

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Bradford	Canton Area School District Canton Area Elementary School 141 E. Union Street Canton, Pa. 17724 Jack E. Lockledge, Principal Occupied - September 1971	Torrence L. Keeler District Superintendent 139 E. Main Street Canton, Pa. 17724 717-673-5134	K-4; 980 capacity . open-space, continuous progress plan
Bucks	Centennial School District Everett A. McDonald Elem. School Street Road Warminster, Pa. 18974 John Dietz, Principal Occupied - Spring 1972 (new wing)	Charles R. Walker Elementary Supervisor Reeves Lane Warminster, Pa. 18974 215-672-7100	Grade 6 & special education 190 pupils; new wing
	Central Bucks School District Pine Run Elementary School New Britain, Pa. 18901 Carolyn Klein, Principal Occupied - September 1971	Carolyn Klein, Principal Pine Run Elementary School New Britain, Pennsylvania 18901 215-345-7722	K-6; 988 capacity . open-space . individual, small and large group instruction . learning centers
	Central Bucks School District Buckingham Elementary School Buckingham, Pa. 18912 George Kallenbach, Principal Occupied - September 1971 (new wing)	George Kallenbach, Principal Buckingham Elementary School Buckingham, Pa. 18912 215-794-7441	Grades 4,5&6; 375 pupils . one large open area divided into 4 clusters . an addition to original building . pre-first, transition class housed here
	Council Rock School District Rolling Hills Elementary School Middle Holland Road Newtown, Pa. 18940 C. David Miller, Principal Occupied - January 1972	George Rhine Director of Elementary Education Twining Ford Road Richboro, Pa. 18954 215-355-3060	K-5; 795 capacity . 3 pods . learning centers

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Bucks	Council Rock School District Churchville Elementary School 100 New Road Churchville, Pa. 18966 Michael J. Beatrice, Principal	George Rhine Director of Elementary Education Twining Ford Road Richboro, Pa. 18954 215-355-3060	Grades 4 & 5; 185 pupils . 7 classroom addition to original building . large area with dividers and 8 foot openings . media center in middle
Butler	Mars Area School District Mars Area Middle School R. D. #2 Mars, Pa. 16046 Thomas Tindall, Principal Occupied - September 1971	Thomas Tindall, Principal Mars Area Middle School R. D. #2 Mars, Pa. 16046 412-625-3145	Grades 6-8; 700 pupils . 3 pods - open areas . team teaching (6 & 7) . unified arts program (home economics, art, industrial arts)
Cambria	Greater Johnstown School District Meadowvale Elementary School 219 McMillen Street Johnstown, Pa. 15902 Barbara Winch, Principal Occupied - September 1971	Barbara Winch, Principal Meadowvale Elementary School 219 McMillen Street Johnstown, Pa. 15902 814-539-8731	K-6; 1088 pupils . individualized instruction in open setting
Clearfield	West Branch Area School District West Branch Elementary School Box 248 Morrisdale, Pa. 16858 R. Thad Carr, Principal Occupied - September 1972	John Deliman District Superintendent West Branch Area Schools Box 248 Morrisdale, Pa. 16858 814-345-5615	K-6; 1150 pupils . open-space . part of K-12 education complex
Delaware	Marple - Newtown School District F. W. Brown Elementary School Palmers Mill Road Media, Pa., 19063 Charles Alfieri, Principal Occupied - September 1971	Stephen Oselinsky Assistant Superintendent 120 Media Line Road Newtown Square, Pa. 19073 215-356-9400	K-6; 300 pupils . team teaching and open concept practices

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Erie	General McLane School District General McLane Middle School Route 99 Edinboro, Pa. 16412 Joseph Hack, Principal Occupied - January 1972	Joseph Hack, Principal General Mclane Middle School Route 99 Edinboro, Pa. 16412 814-734-1151	Grades 5-8; 200 pupils per grade . departmentalized . team teaching and scattered individualization
	Millcreek Township School District Grandview Elementary School 4201 Lancaster Road Erie, Pa. 16506 Vincent V. Savelli, Principal Occupied - September 1971	Robert Agnew, Assistant Supt. for Elementary Education 3740 W. 26th Street Erie, Pennsylvania 16506 814-838-4571	K-6; . levels 1 & 2 in one open area, 3 & 4 in another, 5 & 6 in another
Huntingdon	Juniata Valley School District Juniata Valley Elementary School R. D. #1 Alexandria, Pa. 16611 H. Hayes Silvey Occupied - September 1970	H. Hayes Silvey, Principal Juniata Valley Elementary School R. D. #1 Alexandria, Pa. 16611 814-669-4422	K-6, 600 pupils . 5 pods . continuous progress . team teaching

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Lancaster	Hempfield School District Centerville Elementary School 901 Centerville Road Lancaster, Pa. 17601 Ray G. Mentzer, Principal Occupied - September 1971	Ray G. Mentzer, Principal Centerville Elementary School 901 Centerville Road Lancaster, Pa. 17601 717-898-2231	K-6; 550 pupils . flexible grouping . unit approach . team teaching
	Manheim Central School District Sporting Hill Elementary School 65 Colebrook Road Manheim, Pa. 17545 Sue Fry, Head Teacher Occupied (renovation) - Sept. 1972	Verling L. Etter Elementary Supervisor W. Ferdinand Street Manheim, Pa. 17545 717-665-2200	K-6; 175 pupils . renovated 6 classrooms into 2 open areas - Lower Team, Upper Team . family grouping
	Manheim Township School District Caleb W. Bucher Elementary School Candlewyck Road Lancaster, Pa. 17601 Completion date - April 1973 Occupation date - September 1973	Richard Kephart, Principal Neff Elementary School Box 5134 Lancaster, Pa. 17601 717-569-0481	K-5; 600 capacity . large instructional area for primary, large instructional area for intermediate . library media center in middle

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Montgomery	Colonial School District Plymouth Elementary School 542 Plymouth Road Plymouth Meeting, Pa. 19462 James Barbaretta, Principal Occupied - September 1964 (Open areas utilized - Sept. 1971)	Harry Markley Elementary Supervisor Germantown Pike Plymouth-Meeting, Pa. 19462 215-825-1500	. Grades 1-6 (1st, 2nd & 4th in open areas) . 340 pupils in open areas . team teaching . individual, small & large group instruction
	Colonial School District Ridge Park Elementary School Karr's Lane & Little Avenue Conshohocken, Pa. 19428 William H. Wilson, Principal Occupied - September 1961 (Open areas utilized - Sept. 1971)	(Same as above)	. K-6 (1st & 2nd in open areas) . 155 pupils in open areas . team teaching . individual, small & large group instruction
	Hatboro-Horsham School District Keith Valley Middle School 411 Babylon Road Horsham, Pa. 19044 Richard Luoma, Principal Occupied - September 1972	Richard Luoma, Principal Keith Valley Middle School 411 Babylon Road Horsham, Pa. 19044 215-674-4250	. Grades 8 & 9 . 800 enrollment, 1100 capacity . 7 open learning areas (pods) with library media center in middle . Creative Arts open learning area . in process of planning to change from a traditional to an individualized program
	Lower Merion School District Merion Elementary School 549 S. Bowman Avenue Merion Station, Pa. 19066 Marvin Gold, Principal Occupied - (renovation and new wing) - September 1972	Marvin Gold, Principal Merion Elementary School 549 S. Bowman Avenue Merion Station, Pa. 19066 215-664-8759	. K-6; 550 pupils . open-space (renovation & addition) . individual, small and large group instruction . learning centers . library media center in middle

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Montgomery	Upper Merion School District Gulph Road Elementary School Crooked Lane King of Prussia, Pa. 19406 Ted Huber, Principal Occupied (renovation) - Oct. 1972	Ted Huber, Principal Gulph Road Elementary School Crooked Lane King of Prussia, Pa. 19406 215-265-1500	. K-6 (K, 3 & 4 in open areas) . 220 pupils in open areas . building under renovation - 6 classrooms into 2 open areas . team teaching . TABA Social Science
Northampton	Bethlehem Area School District William Penn Elementary School 1002 Main Street Bethlehem, Pa. 18018 John T. Burke, Principal Occupied - September 1972	Rebecca Stewart Elementary Supervisor 2307 Rodgers Street Bethlehem, Pa. 18017 215-865-5511	. K-6; 397 pupils . open-space
	Bethlehem Area School District Thomas Jefferson Elementary School 404 E. North Street Bethlehem, Pa. 18018 James E. Dundon, Principal Occupied - September 1972	(Same as above)	. K-6; 405 pupils . open-space
	Easton Area School District Paxinosa Elementary School Arndt Road & George Street Easton, Pa. 18042 Roger Wrazien, Principal Occupied - September 1971	John J. Curley Assistant Superintendent School Administration Building 811 Northampton Street Easton, Pa. 18042	. K-6; 775 pupils . individual, large & small group instruction . team teaching in open-space areas
	Northampton Area School District George Wolf Elementary School Allen & Spruce Streets Bath, Pa. 18014 Kermit Fehnel, Principal Occupied - September 1971	Kermit Fehnel, Principal George Wolf Elementary School Allen & Spruce Streets Bath, Pa. 18014 215-837-1833	. K-6; 710 pupils . 4 pods

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Northampton	Pen Argyl School District Wind Gap Elementary School R. D. 1 Pen Argyl, Pa. 18072 John Woehrle, Principal Occupied - September 1971	Wilson Kresge District Superintendent R. D. #1 Box 92 Pen Argyl, Pa. 18072 215-863-4213	. K, 3, 4, 5, 6 & special education (4th, 5th, & 6th in open areas . 450 in open areas . team teaching . IPI math . learning centers . contract teaching
York	Dallastown Area School District Loganville-Springfield Elementary School R. D. #8 York, Pa. 17403 Glenn Rehmeyer, Principal Occupied (new wing) - Sept. 1971	Glenn Rehmeyer, Principal Loganville-Springfield Elementary School R. D. #8 York, Pa. 17403 717-428-2240	. Grades 1-5 (4 & 5 in open area) . 235 pupils . library media center in middle . team teaching

College	School	Director	Description
California State College	Children's School of the Learning Research Center California State College California, Pa. 15419 Completion date- April 1973 Occupation date- September 1973	Roger Orr Noss Laboratory School California State College California, Pa. 15419 412-938-2281 Ext. 235	N-K-6; 180 pupils . open area (N-K) . open area (ages 6-8) . open area (ages 9-11)
Clarion State College	Becker Research Learning Center School Clarion State College Clarion, Pa. 16214 Occupacion date- Summer 1973 Visitations after September 1973	John McLain Director of Becker Research Learning Center Clarion State College Clarion, Pa. 16214 814-226-6000	N-12; 250 capacity . open-space . large open instructional areas on two floors . movable partitions . non-graded approach . individualized instruction . dual enrollment (campus school and home school) . year-round experimental component
Edinboro State College	Thomas R. Miller Laboratory School Edinboro State College Edinboro, Pa. 16412 Occupied- September 1971	Robert McClune Thomas R. Miller Building Edinboro State College Edinboro, Pa. 16412 814-734-1671	K-5; . family grouping
Indiana University	University School Davis Hall Indiana University Indiana, Pa. 15701	Warner Tobin 104 Davis Hall Indiana University Indiana, Pa. 15701 412-357-2424	K-6; 155 pupils . two clusters - primary and intermediate . library media center as hub . open concept instruction . non-graded . team teaching . individualized instruction . environmental art

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Kutztown State College	Mary E. Rickenbach Research Learning Center Laboratory School Kutztown State College Kutztown, Pa. 19530 Occupied- Spring 1969	Alma Schlenker Mary E. Rickenbach Research Learning Center Kutztown State College Kutztown, Pa. 19530 215-683-3511 Ext. 312	K-6; 150 pupils . three teams - Grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 . large learning areas on first and second floors - movable walls . team teaching . flexibility
Millersville State College	Elizabeth Jenkins Elementary School Millersville State College Millersville, Pa. 17551	John Pflum Elizabeth Jenkins Elementary School Millersville State College Millersville, Pa. 17551 717-872-3376	K-5; . open-space . K-2 area . 3-5 area . library media center as hub . team teaching
West Chester State College	Elsie O. Bull Learning Research Center Laboratory School West Chester State College West Chester, Pa. 19380 Occupied- September 1969	Leland Miller Elsie O. Bull Learning Research Center Laboratory School West Chester State College West Chester, Pa. 19380 215-436-2842	Pre-K, K-5 . Infants & Toddlers Program . K-1 (large area, movable partitions) . Grades 3,4,5 - open-space area, multi-age grouping . bi-lingual component for Grades 3-6 . computer-assisted instruction . teaching machine program . innovative music program - electronic piano lab